



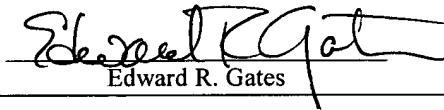
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the Office Communication mailed on February 10, 2003, Paper No. 17. A petition and fee for a three month extension of time are submitted herewith. Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing the outstanding rejections with Applicants' representatives Patrick Waller and Roque El-Hayek during a telephonic interview on July 16, 2003. The substance of the interview is included in the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the specification as instructed below.